**Maine Homeless Policy Committee**

Meeting minutes 2/5/16

In attendance: Brian Marchant, Cullen Ryan, and Vickey Rand.

**I. Minutes. The minutes from 1/8/16 were approved.**

**II. Items of current focus.**

**Federal and State**. The group reviewed federal and state policy issues. Please refer to the State and Federal Legislation update (see attachment). **Federal:** The group discussed HOTMA passing the House unanimously.

**State:** The group will keep a close eye on any emergency bills proposed. This committee is nimble and well-poised to act quickly should the need arise to provide testimony, letters, or public comment during this legislative session. The Statewide Homeless Council (SHC) has empowered this group to take action (letter writing, testifying, etc.) in between SHC meetings.

**III. Meeting Dates**. The group meets the Friday prior to the Statewide Homeless Council, which is typically the first Friday of the month, but sometimes is the second Friday, at 3pm. **The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2016 at 3pm.**